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RE: **"SPORTSPLEX" PROJECT**

Pam: I have reviewed the Mayor's proposed letter to Ledger editor Jim Willse and have the following comments. I agree with the tenor of the letter as I personally believe that an injustice is being done to the City, County and Improvement Authority. I also personally believe that the Ledger should be more positive if it truly wants to see Newark become the home of the New Jersey Nets and the Metrostars. With regard to the Mayor's letter, some minor revisions might be advisable.

As you are aware, I didn't receive a copy of your memo to Mayor James regarding George Jordan's inquiries until yesterday afternoon and was not able to send my faxed response to him until approximately 5:30. Therefore, the Ledger may be able to say that they did not see my response until after the story was written. **However, I did verbally convey this same information to Diane Walsh last week.** When she called me last week she said that she and Jordan were doing a story on the stadium and that they had questions on the financing. In detail, I specifically discussed with her the fact that the replacement park financing (\$4.6 mil. In gross bond proceeds) was part of the original Sportsplex bond issue and would have to be subtracted from the \$22 million initial issuance to accurately determine how much was for baseball. I believe that Ms. Walsh got the same information from the County Executive; again last week.

Lastly, the Mayor's letter incorrectly shows \$4.9 million for the park; the correct number (as I advised the Ledger) was \$4.6 million.

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